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In re application of: Levesque *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/488,491

Filed: January 20, 2000

For: **TRANSDIFFERENTIATION OF EPIDERMAL BASAL CELLS  
INTO NEURAL PROGENITOR CELLS, NEURONAL CELLS  
AND/OR GLIAL CELLS**

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BY <u>Am-Weiss</u>	
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in Response to the Office Action (restriction requirement) mailed July 17, 2002, for the above-captioned patent application. A three-month shortened statutory period for reply was set in connection with the Office Action. Accordingly, this response is submitted on or before October 17, 2002. In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following Amendment and Applicant's Remarks.